

MINUTES OF THE 16 July 2008
TRINIDAD PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
7:05

I. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Judy Lake called the meeting to order. Commissioners in attendance were, Carol Rowe, Judy Lake and Richard Johnson. Commissioner Mike Morgan arrived at 7:30pm. Council Liaison Kathy Bhardwaj was present. Trever Parker and Robin Fraser represented staff in attendance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Due to computer crash and loss of data, the minutes on June 18th must be redone.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve (Rowe/Johnson). Agenda approved.

IV. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

No members of the public were present.

V. AGENDA ITEMS

PLANNING COMMISSION DISCUSSION / ACTION / PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

1. 1. General Plan Update: Review of Draft General Plan Text and Policies.

Parker brought forth the unexamined topics in the printed material including water infiltration, sound, land use, etc. The text has not been updated since 2001.

The Commission discussed the need for updated mapping and resulting coordination between the Plan and the revised mapping.

Interest was expressed in setting a timeline and list of tasks, which would be dependent on interest budget.

Johnson mentioned that the design assistance committee is the same as the design review committee, and that the Council liaison should not be a member in case that she might need to hear an appeal.

The Commission discussed road use, maintenance, and designations, traffic calming, safety, and related energy issues.

Plans for trail systems were discussed as separate from the General Plan.

A grant received from the air quality control board was discussed regarding bike racks and parking.

The Commission reviewed the entire Circulation section for content, language, consistency, clarity, repetition and detail.

The Commission discussed definitions and prohibitions on camping on public land.

PC discussed the noise impacts in various locations in town from various sources and language revision was suggested. More noise policies may be needed including airport noise and noise pollution. Lighting was brought up as included under Circ or Safety. Smell pollution may also be considered.

Motion to adjourn (Rowe/Morgan).

2. Planning Commission Ethics: Discussion of issues, procedures, requirements

PC discussed ethics issues specific to Trinidad's size and scope, including recusal guidelines.

VI. STAFF REPORT

The City received \$5 million in grant funding for ground water study. The appeal hearing on the Marshall project was continued to a closed session probably in August.

Morgan noted the lack of support for the PC at the CC meeting. He thanked Kathy for her words of support at a later meeting.

VII. COUNCIL LIAISON

Bhardwaj reported on the CC hearing on the Marshall appeal. The City Attorney is investigating the ethics accusations. The trail ordinance was passed to match the court settlement. The State accepted our water management plan. New town hall rental policies are in the works. A community garden is in the works. A CSA was proposed. Neither is allowed due to zoning, though a new ordinance to be drafted by the City Manager may allow for the community garden.

Bhardwaj mentioned the two community sales tax proposals to be discussed at the coming CC mtg.

The Commission discussed history and finances pertaining to the proposed taxes.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Robin Fraser, Assistant City Clerk
A full recording of the proceedings is available upon request at City Hall.